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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

**GERARDO TORRES and ANGELA
 MATLIN**, individually, and on behalf of
 a class of similarly situated individuals,

Plaintiffs,

v.

NISSAN NORTH AMERICA, INC. a
 California corporation, and **NISSAN
 MOTOR CO., LTD.**, a Japanese
 company, and **DOES 1-10**, inclusive

Defendants.

Case No. 2:15-cv-03251-RGK-FFM

**STIPULATED [PROPOSED]
 PROTECTIVE ORDER REGARDING
 CONFIDENTIAL DISCOVERY
 MATERIAL**

Judge: Hon. R. Gary Klausner
 Mag. Judge: Hon. Frederick F. Mumm

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FRCP 26(C)(1) GOOD CAUSE STATEMENT

As requested and agreed to by Plaintiffs in the above-captioned action (“Plaintiffs”) and Defendant in the above-captioned action (“Defendant”), the parties request that the Court issue this proposed Protective Order (the “Order”) to facilitate document disclosure and production in the above captioned litigation (referred to as the “Litigation”) under the Local Rules of Central District of California and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Unless modified pursuant to the terms contained in this Protective Order, this Protective Order shall apply to the Litigation and remain in effect through the conclusion of the Litigation.

In support of this Protective Order, the parties state that:

1. This Litigation concerns alleged breach of warranty and failure to disclose an alleged defect in 2013 through 2014 Nissan Pathfinder vehicles equipped with Nissan’s continuously variable automatic transmission (“CVT”). Documents or information containing confidential proprietary and business information and/or trade secrets (“Confidential Information”) that bear significantly on the parties’ claims or defenses is likely to be disclosed or produced during the course of discovery in this Litigation;

2. The parties to this Litigation may assert that public dissemination and disclosure of Confidential Information could severely injure or damage the party disclosing or producing the Confidential Information and could place that party at a competitive disadvantage;

3. Counsel for the party or parties receiving Confidential Information are presently without sufficient information to accept the representation(s) made by the party or parties producing Confidential Information as to the confidential, proprietary and/or trade secret nature of such Confidential Information; and

4. To protect the respective interests of the parties and to facilitate the progress of disclosure and discovery in this Litigation, the following Protective Order should issue:

IT IS THEREFORE STIPULATED FOR AN ORDER THAT:

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2 1. Documents, including photographs, drawings, films, videotapes or
3 other writings, including lists or compilations thereof, answers to interrogatories,
4 responses to other discovery requests and deposition testimony or discovery by any
5 party in this Litigation are referred to as "Confidential Material." Except as
6 otherwise indicated below, all documents, including photographs, drawings, films,
7 videotapes or other writings, including lists or compilations thereof, answers to
8 interrogatories, responses to other discovery requests and deposition testimony
9 designated by the producing party as "Confidential" or "Subject to Protective
10 Order," and which are disclosed or produced to the attorneys for the other parties
11 to this Litigation are Confidential Material and are entitled to Confidential
12 treatment as described below.

13 2. Confidential Material shall not include (a) advertising materials, (b)
14 materials that on their face show that they have been published to the general
15 public, or (c) documents that have been submitted to any governmental entity
16 without request for Confidential treatment.

17 3. With respect to deposition testimony, documents may be discussed in
18 deposition, but the attorney making the disclosures shall advise the deponent to
19 whom the materials or information contained therein are to be disclosed, that such
20 materials may be disclosed pursuant to this Order only. All documents marked
21 Confidential and identified as exhibits to the deposition are subject to this Order.
22 The designation of confidentiality may be made on the record at the time of the
23 deposition at which time the testimony shall be subject to the full protection of this
24 Order. In the case of testimony not so designated during the course of a
25 deposition, counsel may, within thirty (30) days of receiving the deposition
26 transcript, notify the parties that the deposition testimony contains Confidential
27 material, in which case the testimony shall be subject to the full protection of this
28 Order.

1 4. If at any time during this litigation a party disputes the designation of
2 discovery material as Confidential, the objecting party will notify the designating
3 party in writing of such dispute, and request in writing a conference for the parties
4 to confer in a good faith effort to resolve the dispute. It shall be the responsibility
5 of counsel for the objecting party to arrange for this conference within ten (10)
6 days of the request for a conference. The objecting party's notice will identify the
7 material in dispute and explain the basis for the objection. If no response is
8 provided within ten (10) days of the objecting party's request for a conference,
9 then the Confidential Material in dispute will no longer be subject to Confidential
10 treatment as provided in this Stipulated Protective Order. If a timely response is
11 made and the parties are unable to settle their differences, they shall formulate a
12 written stipulation ("Joint Stipulation") in accordance with Central District of
13 California Civil Local Rule 37-2.2 setting forth their respective positions on the
14 confidentiality of the information at issue. The Joint Stipulation shall be filed and
15 served with the notice of motion no later than seven (7) days after the conference
16 of the parties to resolve the disagreement. Any hearing related to the dispute shall
17 be set in accordance with Central District of California Civil Local Rule 37-3.
18 After the Joint Stipulation is filed, each party may file a supplemental
19 memorandum of law not later than fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing date.
20 Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, a supplemental memorandum shall not
21 exceed five (5) pages in length. No other separate memorandum of points and
22 authorities shall be filed by either party in connection with the motion. All
23 Confidential Material is entitled to Confidential treatment pursuant to the terms of
24 this Order until and unless the parties formally agree in writing to the contrary, a
25 party fails to timely move for a protective order, or a contrary determination is
26 made by the Court as to whether all or a portion of a Protected Document is
27 entitled to Confidential treatment.
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1 5. Confidential Treatment. Confidential Material and any information
2 contained therein shall not be used or shown, disseminated, copied, or in any way
3 communicated to anyone for any purpose whatsoever, except as provided below.
4 Confidential Material may be copied only by the Parties' counsel in this Litigation
5 or by personnel or outside vendors assisting such counsel and only for purposes
6 permitted by this Stipulated Protective Order, and control and distribution of
7 Confidential Material and copies thereof will be the responsibility of such counsel,
8 who will maintain all written assurances executed by such persons as provided in
9 paragraph 7.

10 6. Confidential Material and any information contained therein shall be
11 disclosed only to the following persons ("Qualified Persons"):

- 12 (a) The named parties and counsel of record in the Litigation for the party
13 or party receiving Confidential Material or any information contained
14 therein;
- 15 (b) Employees of such counsel (excluding experts and investigators)
16 assigned to and necessary to assist such counsel in the preparation and
17 trial of the Litigation;
- 18 (c) An independent contractor or expert retained by counsel to provide
19 assistance, expert advice, technical consultation or testimony in this
20 Litigation and the employees of any such contractors, experts,
21 consultants or similar persons when working in connection with this
22 Litigation under direct supervision of said person;
- 23 (d) Court reporters transcribing depositions in the Litigation;
- 24 (e) Any witness at deposition (as contemplated by Paragraph 3), trial, or
25 hearing in the Litigation;
- 26 (f) The Court (including the Court's administrative and clerical staff).

27 Confidential Material shall not be disclosed to any other person or entity
28 without the prior written consent of the designating party or order of the Court.
Any disclosure shall be only to the extent reasonably necessary for the effective

1 prosecution and defense of the claims in this Litigation. Confidential Material and
2 any information contained therein shall be used by the receiving party or parties
3 solely for the prosecution of this Litigation and shall not be used by the receiving
4 party or parties for any other purpose of in any other litigation.

5 7. Prior to the disclosure of any of the materials or information covered
6 by this Order to persons identified in paragraphs 3 and 6 (c), (d) and (e) of this
7 Order, counsel disclosing the materials or information shall present the person with
8 a copy of this Order. After reading the Order, such persons shall initial each page
9 of a copy of the Order and shall sign the attached form of "Acknowledgment of
10 Protective Order" (the "Acknowledgement"). Copies of each such signed Order
11 and Acknowledgement shall be maintained by counsel disclosing the materials or
12 information. In the event that any of these individuals are identified or designated
13 as witnesses or as experts who may testify in this Litigation, a copy of each such
14 signed Order and Acknowledgement shall be provided to opposing counsel at the
15 time of the designation.

16 8. Counsel of record for the party or parties receiving Confidential
17 Material may create an index of the Confidential Material and furnish it to
18 attorneys of record representing or having represented parties involved in litigation
19 involving the claims alleged in this suit against the party or parties disclosing or
20 producing the Confidential Material. The index may only identify the document,
21 date, author, and general subject matter of any Protected Document, but may not
22 reveal the substance of any such document. Counsel for the party or parties
23 receiving Confidential Material shall maintain a current log of the names and
24 addresses of persons to whom the index was furnished.

25 9. The term "copy" as used herein means any photographic, mechanical
26 or computerized copy or reproduction of any document or thing, or any verbatim
27 transcript, in whole or in part, of such document or thing.

1 10. To the extent that Confidential Material or information contained
2 therein are used in depositions, such documents or information shall remain subject
3 to the provisions of this Order, along with the transcript pages of the deposition
4 testimony referring to the Confidential Material or information contained therein.

5 11. Any court reporter or transcriber who reports or transcribes testimony
6 in this Litigation shall agree that all "Confidential" information designated as such
7 under this Order shall remain "Confidential" and shall not be disclosed by them,
8 except pursuant to the terms of this Order, and that any notes or transcriptions of
9 such testimony (and any accompanying exhibits) will be retained by the reporter or
10 delivered to counsel of record.

11 12. Except when the filing under seal is otherwise authorized by statute or
12 federal rule, the Parties shall seek the Court's prior approval for the filing under
13 seal of pleadings and other documents containing Protected Material in accordance
14 with the procedures set forth in C.D. Local Rule 79-5.1 In accordance with Central
15 District of California Civil Local Rule 79-5.1, if any papers to be filed with the
16 Court contain information and/or documents that have been designated as
17 Confidential Material, the proposed filing shall be accompanied by an application
18 to file the papers or the portion thereof containing the designated information or
19 documents (if such portion is segregable) and, if appropriate, the application itself
20 under seal; and the application shall be directed to the judge to whom the papers
21 are directed. For motions, the parties shall publicly file a redacted version of the
22 motion and supporting papers, to the extent redacted versions are necessary. Prior
23 to the time that a Party receiving the Protected Material from any other Party files
24 with the Court an application and the other materials required by Local Rule 79-5.1
25 to seal the producing Party's Confidential Material, the Receiving Party shall
26 consult with the Designating Party's attorney to determine whether the Designating
27 Party will re-designate the previously designated Confidential Material so as to
28 avoid the need for the request to file such information under seal. Upon the default

1 of a Party to seek the Court's approval to file under seal, a document containing
2 Confidential Material, any Party may subsequently seek the approval of the Court
3 to file that document under seal, in accordance with the procedures set forth in
4 Local Rule 79-5.1.

5 13. Inadvertent or unintentional production of documents or information
6 containing Confidential Information that are not designated "Confidential" shall
7 not be deemed a waiver, in whole or in part, of a claim for Confidential treatment.

8 14. Documents unintentionally produced without designation as
9 "Confidential" at any time during this litigation may be retroactively designated by
10 notice in writing of the designated classification applicable to each document by
11 Bates number, and by providing replacement copies of such documents with the
12 appropriate designation, unless such documents have already been filed with the
13 Court. Upon receipt of the replacement documents, the receiving party shall
14 thereafter return the documents being replaced to the producing party. Such
15 documents shall be treated as "Confidential" from the date written notice of the
16 designation is provided to the receiving party. A person disclosing any materials
17 that are subsequently designated as "Confidential" shall in good faith assist the
18 party making the supplemental designation in retrieving such materials from all
19 recipients not entitled to such materials under the terms of this Protective Order
20 and to prevent further disclosures except as authorized under the terms of this
21 Protective Order. Documents to be inspected shall be treated as "Confidential"
22 during inspection. At the time of copying for the receiving parties, such inspected
23 documents shall be stamped prominently "Confidential" by the producing party.

24 15. A party's inadvertent production of privileged or Confidential
25 Material or information in this litigation shall not in itself be deemed to waive any
26 claim of attorney-client privilege or attorney work-product protection that might
27 exist with respect to such document or other documents or communications,
28 written or oral, including, without limitation, other communications referred to in

1 the documents produced. Upon request, such inadvertently produced documents,
2 and all copies thereof, shall be sent to the producing party within five (5) days of
3 the date of the request, unless such documents have already been filed with the
4 Court. Furthermore, a party's production shall not be deemed a waiver of any
5 party's right to object for any reason to the admission of any document or thing
6 into evidence, nor shall the production be deemed an admission of its admissibility
7 or relevance. Nothing in this Paragraph shall prejudice the right of any party to
8 seek discovery or communications, documents and things as to which a claim of
9 attorney-client privilege or attorney work-product has been made.

10 16. The party or parties receiving Confidential Material shall not under
11 any circumstances sell, offer for sale, advertise, or publicize Confidential Material
12 or any information contained therein.

13 17. If any party receives a subpoena from any non-party to this Stipulated
14 Protective Order seeking production or disclosure of Confidential Material, the
15 subpoenaed party shall give notice, as soon as practicable and in no event more
16 than three business days after receiving the subpoena and at least seven business
17 days before providing materials responsive to the subpoena, to counsel for the
18 designating party, which notice will enclose a copy of the subpoena, such that the
19 designating party may assert its rights, if any, to non-disclosure.

20 18. Any documents produced by a non-party witness in discovery in the
21 Litigation pursuant to subpoena or otherwise may be designated by such non-party
22 as "Confidential" under the terms of this Order, and such designation shall have
23 the same force and effect, and create the same duties, obligations, and remedies as
24 if made by one of the parties hereto.

25 19. After termination of this Litigation, the provisions of this Order shall
26 continue to be binding, except with respect to those documents and information
27 that become a matter of public record. This Court retains and shall have
28 continuing jurisdiction over the parties and recipients of the Confidential Material

1 for enforcement of the provisions of this Order following termination of this
2 Litigation.

3 20. Within thirty (30) days of termination of this Litigation by dismissal,
4 judgment, or settlement, including any appeals, counsel for the party or parties
5 receiving Confidential Material shall return the Confidential Material, including all
6 copies to counsel for the party or parties disclosing or producing the Confidential
7 Material or alternatively, the parties shall provide certification under oath under
8 penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America confirming that
9 counsel have destroyed all documents within their possession. The party or parties
10 receiving Confidential Material shall ensure that any person to whom they
11 provided copies of any Confidential Information complies with this obligation.
12 This provision will not apply to court filings or file copies of pleadings, briefs or
13 correspondence maintained by the Parties' respective counsel in the ordinary
14 course of business.

15 21. This Stipulated Protective Order shall be binding on any party to this
16 Stipulated Protective Order or any person having executed the attached Exhibit A.
17 This Stipulated Protective Order also shall be binding upon the parties and their
18 attorneys, successors, executors, personal representatives, administrators, heirs,
19 legal representatives, assigns, subsidiaries, divisions, employees, agents,
20 independent contractors, or other persons or organizations over which they have
21 control.

22 22. If other parties are added to this Litigation, no Confidential Material
23 previously exchanged, produced, or used herein will be disclosed to such other
24 parties or their counsel except upon their agreeing to be bound by the provisions of
25 this Stipulated Protective Order. This provision does not prejudice any party's
26 rights to otherwise object to the production or disclosure of Confidential Material
27 or non-confidential documents or other information to a party added to this
28 Litigation.

23. This Stipulated Protective Order is without prejudice to the right of any party to move the Court for an order for good cause shown for protection of Confidential Material sought by or produced through discovery, which protection is different from or in addition to that provided for in this Stipulated Protective Order, and such right is expressly reserved.

SO STIPULATED.

DATED: August 3, 2015 Capstone Law APC

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DATED: August 3, 2015 SEDGWICK LLP

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Local Rule 5-4.3.4 Attestation


I attest that Plaintiffs' counsel Jordan Lurie concurs in this filing's content and has authorized the filing.

DATED: August 3, 2015 SEDGWICK LLP

By: \S\ Paul Riehle
Paul Riehle
Attorneys for Defendant NISSAN NORTH
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SO ORDERED.

DATED: August 5, 2015


Hon. Frederick F. Mumm
U. S. District Court Magistrate Judge

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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PROTECTIVE ORDER ENTERED IN THE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT – CENTRAL DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA**

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the Stipulated Protective Order Regarding Confidential Discovery Material (“Protective Order”) entered in *Torres, et al. v. Nissan North America, Inc. et al.*, Case No. 2:15-cv-03251-RGK-FFM, understand its terms, agree to be bound by each of those terms, and agree to submit myself to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Central District of California for the purposes of enforcing the terms of the Protective Order. Specifically and without limitation upon such terms, I further agree that I will not disseminate, use or disclose any Confidential Material protected by the Protective Order that I have received and/or reviewed in this case to anyone other than the Qualified Persons defined in Paragraph 6 of the Protective Order.

Dated: ___ day of _____ 20__.

Signature

Printed Name